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FIRM AS A ROCK ON FIUME

Resenting Slur on Illness, Agrees to Italian - Jugo - Slav Settlement Only on Lines of Justice.

WASHINGTON, March 7.-President Wilson's reply to the allies in the ast, an announcement of his deter mination to stand by the agreement of December 9, which was entered into by United States, Great Britain and

rance. The State Department today made sublic the text of the note and it is believed that another reply will be orthcoming from the British and reach Premiers chiefly because the resident explains that he will not satetion any partitioning of Albania wan though such a step might bring the agreement between Italy and Jugoslavja.

layla. The President expresses resentment ver the intention of the British and ver the intention of the British and rench to withdraw the agreement of ecember 3 between the United States, rance and Great Britain and proceed n a new basis. He takes the view that (this agreement wore set aside, the lites would have an excuse for reviving the pact of London, which was rawn up in secrecy during the war and to which he is unalterably opnosed.

Shonse of the French and British Prime Ministers received on February 27. He notes with satisfaction their unaltered desire to reach 'an equitable colution in conformity alike with the principles of the peace conference and of the legitimate though conflicting aspirations of the Italian and Jugo-Slav peoples.' He further welcomes their expressed intention regarding certain essential points. 'to urge upon the governments interested that they should bring their desires into line with the American point of view.'

The President is surprised, however, that they should find in the statement of his own willingness to reach the sound for suggesting the withdrawal of the joint agreement of Italian and Jugo-Slavia the settlement of their common frontiers in the Fiume region any ground for suggesting the withdrawal of the joint memorandum of December 9. In this he could not possibly join.

Haunch eighteen divisions which are even now fully equipped, on a war footing, hovering near the border. America does not realize the serious-nice the situation. The feeling in Italy is such that every man is ready to abandon everything and start the war all over again rather than give dup Italy's rights to the Adriatic.

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Test of Prohibition Act

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The constitutionality of the prohibition amendment and portions of the conforcement act will be argued to-morrow before the Supreme Court. The question is involved in original proceedings brought by Rhode Island to have the amendment declared invalid and its enforcement enjoined as well as in appeals from Kentucky and Massachusetts, where Federal courts have sustained constitutional prohibition.

Immediately after the court convenes. Attorney-General McCran, of New Jersey, will formally ask for permission to bring proceedings similar to those of Rhode Island and to participate in the arguments. Such permission is customarily granted.

As the court is permitting the cases to be heard ahead of their regular order, court officials expect an early decisions relative to prohibition, little hope for help is held out for the "wets."

FIUME ITALIAN, OR A NEW WAR, THREAT OF GARIBALD!

Highteen Italian Divisions, Mobilized Near Border to Attack Jugo-Slavs, Commanded by American General.

EVERY ITALIAN READY TO FIGHT

Intimated If President Wilson Stands by Jugo-Slavs World Will Be Plunged Into Horrors of Another Great Conflagration.

to Constantinople Cause of Concern to French.

INTERVENTION IS JUSTIFIED WILL EDUCATE THE PUBLIC MAJORITY'S FLING AT DANIELS

Solve Turkish Tangle, Opinion of Statesmen.

BY C. P. BERTELLI. PARIS, March 7 .- The conviction is gaining here that the danger of a new war in Turkey is real and immediate. The situation is regarded as extremely serious by diplomats here, especially in view of the conflicting interests of

France and Britain. The question whether Turkey likely to become another Egypt is the main concern of French statesmen. The sudden dispatch of a fleet and army to Constantinople by Great Britain, for the purpose of coercing the Furkish government to accept the British views with regard to Turkey's tuture status, is causing great anxiety here, since France is not only opposed to the expulsion of the Turk from Constantinople, but although compelled to join Britain in sending troops to the Turkish capital, has made it perfectly clear that she does not intend carrying on any hostilities, except merely a military demonstration calculated to impress the Turks with the necessity of fulfilling the armistice clauses.

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Politicians here do not conceal their view, however, that France's sharing in this military demonstration against Turkey is a double-edged weapon in the hands of France, for while technically adhering to the armistice conditions, she will thus have sufficient forces there to prevent Britain from going further than is strictly necessary to achieve the avowed purpose without in any way encroaching upon the future settlement of the Turkish problem. Mention Fiume Example.

ossibilities arising from the present dituation. The press and public are irging the French government to take if it is stand and send enough troops o protect French interests against any increasely ment.

Two French divisions now in the neighborhood of Constantinople will proceed to the Turkish capital immediately, while several warships also have left French ports with sealed orders, presumably to race to the Dardanelles.

France is now confronted with the necessity of either backing England's policy toward Turkey and thus giving up the idea of maintaining the Turkish government in Constantinople or upholding her own views despite Britain. The only thing that could solve the Turkish tangle in view of French statesmen is intervention by the United States and a prompt and just settlement of the status of the former Ottoman empire, which is the object of such intricate inter-allied political and diplomatic conflicts.

Might Lead to Holy War. Must Take Definite Stand.

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Remember! Cobb., tonight! Better that's Cobb. Better come tonight. City Auditorium, 8:15,—Adv.

PRICE WAR TO TAKE SIMS STIRRED UP UP MEAT OUESTION

Sudden Dispatch of British Fleet Campaign of Department of Senate Probers of Admiral's Justice Gets on New Track.

Action by United States Would Fair-Price Commissioners Will Fall Committee Agrees That Co-Operate in Attack on H. C. L.

> WASHINGTON, March 7 .- The high cost of living campaign of the Department of Justice, which has been in progress since last October, is now to take a new departure. Foiled in their attempts to the cost of necessaries, which have

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gone steadily upward month by month, bifficials of the department announced today that they were going to show the public how to get cheaper meat. This new plan can be briefly summarized as follows:

"The public should buy inferior grades of meat, thereby getting them for less money."

Announcement Summarized.

The new undertaking of the Department of Justice economists is to be in the nature of an educational campaign. Here is a summary of the department's announcement, issued today:

"With the present unequal demand for the various cuts at retail, some meat is diverted to other than its natural uses, and other meat is wasted. This loss is ultimately borne by the consumer.

"The Department of Justice proposes with the aid of the consumer to correct this situation. Fair price commissioners in every State will be asked to direct and take part in the campaign of education. The matter will be brought to the attention of civic clubs and women's organizations. Retailers, wholesalers and packing companies throughout the country will be asked to appoint conference commitsioners. Recipes, charts and posters will be prepared and distributed widely. Specific weeks will be designated in various parts of the country for featuring the inexpensive cuts.

Will Keep Eye on Markets.

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Action Defended by Slove-Russian Papers Due to Recent Lithuanian Soldier Revolt.

[By Associated Press.]

WARSAW, March 7—The allegations of a Germano-Bolshevist intrigue for an invasion of Lithuania, primarily in the German interest published by Slove-Russian language newspapers here, include the charge that 36,000 Germans have been concentrated in East Prussia, prepared to invade Lithuania. It is intended to chaim necessity for this action because of the recent revolt of Lithuanian soldiers in the Kovno region, it is declared in one of the dispatches printed by these newspapers.

Poles Repulse Bolshevists.

LONDON, March 7.—Large forces of Bolshevists have opened an offensive against the Poles on both sides of the Pripet region, says a dispatch to the Central News from Berlin.

The dispatch adds that the Poles report the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses.

Medal Award Charges Hold Navy's Morale Uninjured.

Officers on Award Board Did Not Do Justice to Enlisted Men.

WASHINGTON: March 7 .- Th wrangle over awards to navy officers of war decorations, drew nearer a conclusion tonight, when Chairman Page, of the Senate Naval Committee, made of the Senate Naval Committee, made public the trio of reports the investigators of the subcommittee produced. The three Republican members joined in the majority report, which sharply criticised Secretary Daniels in some respects, while the two Democrats submitted, individual reports, defending the secretary's course, and directing their attack, in turn, at Rear-Admiral William S. Sims, the most prominent figure in the controversy stirred up over navy medais and crosses.

Three Reports Are Unique. In one respect the three reports are inique. They agree on two points hat no permanent harm has come to have a moral morale as a result of the awards the controvers and that enlisted or the controversy, and that enlisted men received too small share of recognition for their services. The majority report, signed by Senators Hale, McCormick and Poindexter, arraign Mr. Daniels for not having fully advised his officers as to his plans in making awards, and asserts that his policy of decorating officers who lost ships would be detrimental to the navy. Senator Pitman, in the first minority report, characterized the investigation as a tempest in a tea pot "too ridiculous to be mentioned in connection with the morale of a fighting navy."

against high prices. These statistics is added, and the signers believed commanding officers were best able to of from 2 to 4 per cent.

The announcement of the Department of Justice today regarding meat prices has aroused considerable comment among members of Congress, who declare it to be a wholesale admission that the department can do nothing in the way of real effort to reduce prices.

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Criticizing Admiral Sims for having made a special point of alleged injustice to six members of his staff, Senator Pittman declared, that the award of a Distinguished Service medal to Commander D. W. Bagley, Secretary Daniels' brother-in-law, about whom much of the controversy centered, was justified. The Senator also assailed Admiral Sims' conduct before the committee which he said would lead a civilian to believe that the officer "was deeply impressed with British policies and practices," and "more familiar with British ideas, customs and manners than with those of his own country." ners than with those of his own country."

Admiral Sims' criticism of Secretary Daniels, Senator Trammell said, implied also criticism of Admirals Mayo, Gleaves, Grant, Niblack, the members of the board of awards and other naval officers, all of whom exercised their own judgment in passing on the recommendations of subordinates.

The report said, those officers whose duty it was to initiate recommendations were recreant in their duty in so far as enlisted men were concerned. It added that no difference of opinion existed between the majority of naval officers and Secretary Paniels regarding the decoration of officers who lost ships but performed meritorious service.

AMERICAN SCHOONER ABANDONED BY CREW

Reward of 10,000 Francs Offered for Arrest of Persons Who Attacked U. S. Consulate.

GENEVA, March 7.—The Swiss authorities have offered a reward of 10.—1000 francs for information leading to the arrest of the persons gulity of hombing the American consulate at Zurich. The consulate was damaged by a bomb Wednesday night.

Want Food Regulation As Plank in Platforms

NEW YORK, March 7.—The Na-donal Consumers' League today sent requests to platform makers of the requests to platform makers of the leading political parties asking them to include certain food regulatory and welfare planks. These include Federal regulation of food industries and application to the textile industry of the same principle of compulsory branding and labeling already established in relation to food and drugs.

JOHN SHELL, AGED 132 SAVES SON AT GUN POIN

Armed With Flintlock Forces 75. Year-Old Father-in-Law to Surrender 6-Year-Old Son.

After Funeral Champion Rifle Shot of the Mountains Mounts Mule, Regains Child and Returns With Him to Lonely Cabin.

LEXINGTON, KY., March 7.—Uncle John Shell, who, at 132 years, is believed to be the oldest living man in

lieved to be the oldest living man in the world, has just figured in one of the most exciting episodes of his life and came out victor, according to reports that reached here tonight from Shell's home on Greasy Creek, Leslie County.

Shell had been away from home and on his return found his 35-year-old wife dying. She passed away in a few hours and "Uncle John" notified his wife's relatives, among them George Chappell, his 75-year-old father-in-law. The funeral was held on a snow-covered hillside and Chappell, apparently believing his 132-year-old sonin-law was not able because of his age to care for his youngest son, 6, proceeded to take the boy home with him.

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Shell returned home, secured his flint-lock rifle, which he says he made himself more than 1100 years ago, mounted his mule and stirred after Chappell and the most the boy. He overtook them several miles away and at the point of the gun forced Chappell to give up the child.

"Uncle John" took the boy on the mule with him and they returned along to their cabin on Greasy Creek. Shell is the champion rifle shot of the mountains.

Neighbors will look after Shell's needs until some one is found who is willing to go to his lonely cabin and care for him and his son.

MEDICAL STATES

AMERICAN VESSEL LOSING PROPELLER HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Crippled Craft Barely Misses Striking Rocks Near Sable Island.

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(By Associated Press.)

United States Ships March 7.—The Lake Billothorpe from Board steamer for New York, today lost here will be save the structure.

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Firemen Saved Women Who

LOSS MAY BE \$4,000,000 Includes Jewels and Property of Guests of Great Hotel Trans-

formed to Ruin in Two Hours. 7.—The Chamberlin Hotel, nationally known summer and winter resort, on of the most famous hotels in the world, erected by congressional permission.co the government reservation at Fortress Monroe, was destroyed this evening by fire that started in a room on

the ground floor. So rapid was the spread of the flames through the hotel that in h BURIES HIS 35-YEAR-OLD WIFE little over two hours there was nothing left but ruins. The Chamberlin was valued at \$2,000,000, and there was \$350,000 insurance.

Of the 200 guests and 170 employees in the hotel at the time, several persons, as yet unidentified, are missing, but it is not believed they lost their lives. The confusion made it impossible to check the lists completely tonight.

Crowds Cheer Rescuers.

Company.

Boats for Baltimore and New York and other points, which were to have called at Old Point Comfort this evening, did not dock, but continued on their way lighted by the glare from the burning of the famous pile.

It was impossible tonight to ascertain certainly whether there was loga of life, reports of which came from two firemen active in the early battle to save the structure.

Declares He Heard Server

Vessel Which Renewed Survivors of Submarine Disaster Comes to Grief Ont Delaware Capes.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The American schooner Bya B. Douglass, from Buenos Aires for New York, today was abandoned at sea 150 miles east of the Delaware capes, according to a radio message received here tonight from the British steamship Vasari. The Vork, picked up the capitain and eleven members of the Douglass' crew. Radio warnings of the abandoned schooner's position have been sent out with information that she is a derelict and a menace to navigation.

The Eva B. Douglass came into prominence in June, 1918, when she or scued 250 survivors from the coast-wise steamer Carolina which was sunk off the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the Substance of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the Substance of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the Substance of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the Substance of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the Substance of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the Substance of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey coast by a German such cape of the New Jersey cape of the New Jerse

Half-Dozen Fatilities When Jitney and Train Crash at Crossing in Indiana Town.

[By Associated Press.]

BREMEN, IND., March 7.—Six persons were killed when a "litney bus" in which they were riding was struck by a New York Central passenger train at a crossing here touight.

Cobb will make you laugh—tonight.

Better come.—Adv. who have homes within the reservation.

The Chamberlin Hotel was built more than two decades ago at a cost of \$1,250,000. It was one of the most country, and, during the quarter century of tourists from all parts of the United States and Europe. Among its guests have been Precidents of the United States, Congressmen, railroad magnates, captains of industry and Its.

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